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North Carolina voters give lawmakers tongue-lashing over new proposed legislative maps

By [Melissa Boughton](#)

North Carolina voters' message to lawmakers Tuesday evening was clear: they're unhappy with their representatives and they're unhappy with the new proposed legislative maps.

Hundreds of speakers across the state attended public hearings to speak about the maps, which were released over the weekend as a remedy to correct unconstitutional racial gerrymanders.

Most of the people who spoke were disappointed that, according to demographic information released Monday, lawmakers appeared to trade in racial gerrymandering for partisan gerrymandering.

Before the maps were released, voters spoke at a separate public hearing about mapmaking criteria — the overwhelming amount of them asked to omit political data as a consideration.

"You have once again showed your true colors; you don't care about the people of North Carolina," said Michael Eisenberg of Raleigh. "The people have called for fair maps and you've turned your back on them."

He added, "shame on you."

[Rep. David Lewis](#) (R-Harnett) and [Sen. Ralph Hise](#) (R-Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Yancey), both co-chairs of the joint House and Senate Redistricting Committee presided over the Raleigh meeting.

Speakers were called a few at a time in each of the seven locations across the state: Raleigh, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Hudson, Jamestown, Weldon and Beaufort. The off-site locations were live-streamed via video on an overhead projector, and the meeting was wrought with technical difficulties — another frustration of some of those in attendance. [[Read more...](#)]

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